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Title: **OPTICAL CROSS-CONNECTOR
CONTAINING A MULTI-STAGE CLOS
NETWORK IN WHICH A SINGLE-STAGE
MATRIX COMPRISES ONE STAGE OF THE
CLOS NETWORK**

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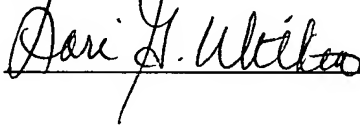
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